

John 16

John 14-17 about entering into the **Love** environment in the Trinity

Dwelling Place in the Father & in us – **Abide**

Command: **Love** like Jesus in worldly environment of hatred & persecution

1-4 not Stumble over persecution (continued from Jn 15:18-21)

specific attack against the One Commandment: **Love**

(Mt 24:9-12) ⁹“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. ¹⁰“And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. ¹¹“Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. ¹²“And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. (vs 7 ethnos vs ethnos)

attack designed to make us stumble in Love

“these things I have spoken to you...” – Three Motives

Love/Righteousness (Jn 16:1), **Peace** (Jn 14:27, 16:33), **Joy** (Jn 15:11)

(Ro 14:17) for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. (Dwelling Place - supernatural)

context: fruit in us over valid but lesser issues

testimony of Jesus (Jn 15:26-27): Supernatural Love, Peace, Joy in hostile environment

(1Pe 3:14-16) ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. “And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.” ¹⁵But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; ¹⁶having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

5-7 sorrow: understand loss but not gain - He is incentivizing them with vision (Heb 12:2)

1) Trinitarian Intimacy is better than proximity

8-11 2) Holy Spirit will convict the World through the Sent Church (Acts 1:8)

Basic Gospel: Holy Spirit convicts, we testify (make disciples)

Sin (nature of man) - ⁹ not believing in Jesus

Righteousness (nature of God) - ¹⁰ imparted only by the Worthy One (Rev 5)

Judgement (cross) - ¹¹ already determined (pick a side)

every false gospel simply distorts these three truths

12-15 3) progressive Revelation of Truth & Prophetic insight (Unlimited Jn 15:15)

no reason to lack Vision necessary to embrace sacrifice (Mt 16:24-25)

(Heb 11:6) But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. (reward 25+ times NT)

Guarantee: not Stumbling in Love when hated & persecuted will be Rewarded

practice/learn to **Abide** - express His supernatural **Love, Peace, Joy**